

CORRESPONDENCE.
THE INDO-CHINA MEETING.(TO THE EDITOR OF THE HONGKONG
DAILY PRESS.)

Sir.—The grateful thanks of share holders are due to "Deferred Again" for so lucidly putting before them their position *vis-à-vis* the general managers. I have read his various letters with due attention and have derived much useful knowledge therefrom.

Now "Deferred Again" has spent a profitable week-end in reading the Articles of Association, and among other very interesting things, tells us that the general managers are allowed under the Articles to charge a reasonable remuneration and that, failing agreement, the differences are to be settled by arbitration. The Chairman told the shareholders at the annual meeting that there existed an agreement between the general managers and the Company by which their charges were regulated. In his reply to question No. 3, the Chairman did not even take the trouble to refer to that part of the question which read: "At what rate per cent, and on what items of account were such commissions charged?" So that shareholders do not know what charges are made by the general managers for their services and, consequently, are unable to ascertain whether the terms of the agreement are being faithfully carried out. It is not suggested that they are not, but in view of the fact that the Articles admit of arbitration in the event of possible differences between the general managers and the Company, it is not unreasonable to suggest that shareholders be made acquainted with the terms of the agreement in so far, at least, as the remuneration is concerned.

"Deferred Again" proposes that a committee of shareholders should take up the matter in the interests of the Company. That, I am afraid, after recent events, is a scheme which will never materialise, but as a milder suggestion it is proposed to remodel the Board of Directors. In a Company such as ours, governed by general managers, the Board of Directors has very important functions, such as entering into contracts on behalf of shareholders with the general managers, and it is submitted that the Board, as at present constituted, is not altogether representative of shareholders, and appears to lack a preponderance of shipping element which it ought to have. There is the head of the firm, who may not be a shipping man himself, two shipping men and two worthy knights—these latter, as far as I know, cannot by any stretch of imagination be referred to as shipping men. We are very thankful for their services and, I am sure, without being shipping men they give much valuable advice; but I think that the interests of the Company would be better served by the addition, if not the substitution, of two more directors eminently shipping men and perhaps, if it is not being too exacting, might I suggest that shareholders be given an opportunity of electing them?

I cannot resist the temptation to refer to that little matter of the opium on the *Tuenan*. A puzzle has been suggested to me: The money does not belong to the general managers; it does not belong to the Company—find the owner. Detectives, I am told, often arrive at startling conclusions in difficult and knotty questions by adopting a process of elimination, but in this instance the Chairman has himself eliminated everybody who could possibly have a claim on the money, so, after much furious thinking, I have been compelled to give it up—especially on the consideration that the general managers themselves had for two years tried in vain to find the owner.—Yours faithfully,

Hongkong, 18th May, 1916.

GARMENTS FROM HONGKONG

The "Little Bit Workers" Society, Kowloon, sent the following Comforts and Clothing to England through Messrs. Sheehan, Tomes & Co., on Monday:—

To Miss Vivian, The Maurice Hostel, 58, Herbert St., Hoxton, N.—One parcel containing 23 articles of Children's Clothing.

To Mrs. Lefroy, Vice President, S.S.F.A., Hoxton Branch, Maurice Hostel, Britannia Street, Hoxton, N.—One parcel containing 15 articles of Women's Clothing.

To Miss Tucker, Soldiers and Sailors' Help Society, The Institute, Mansfield St., Haggerstone, N.E.—One parcel containing 30 articles of Men's Clothing.

To Mrs. Eden, Lockingtons, Work Society, 24, Marlborough Mansions, West Hampstead, N.W.—33 dozen bandages, 17 suits pyjamas, 6 dozen khaki handkerchiefs, 1 pair bed socks, 20 khaki collars, 28 pairs socks, 2 milk covers, and 3 shirts.

MOTOR-CAR DANGERS.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT MORRISON HILL GAP

MR. ORME AND CARELESS CHINESE.

Some pointed references to motor-car dangers in the Colony and the carelessness of Chinese pedestrians were made in a manslaughter charge at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

A Chinese chauffeur in the employ of the Exile Motor Garage named Ho Kit, alias W. Jones, was charged with the manslaughter of a Chinese boy named Cha Mui, by knocking him down with a motor-car at Morrison Hill Gap on March 31st. Prisoner pleaded not guilty. He was undefended.

The jury was composed of Messrs. E. Ezra (foreman), J. Merecki, F. H. Farne, J. H. Barr, B. M. C. da Cunha, J. M. Alves, and G. F. Alves.

Mr. Orme prosecuted on behalf of the car left Hongkong, the occupants being three members of the staff of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, who were en route for Taikoo Docks, where they intended to board a launch to take them to the stranded *Chiyo Maru*. Ahead of the car as it approached the Gap were several Chinese walking in the same direction, one of whom was a small boy, and this boy got in the way of the car and was knocked down and killed. The occupants said that when the car got within a reasonable distance of where the boy was he left his friends and crossed the road, presumably on hearing the car. Then suddenly he turned and ran back, when the car was within twenty yards of him, but before he could get back, and despite the fact that the brakes were applied and the car swerved, he was caught by the car and was knocked down. He was caught by the right front lamp of the car, and he (the Crown Solicitor) would suggest that story was consistent with what actually occurred. A brother of the boy would state that he was holding on to his brother's coat all the time, and that the car suddenly came up and knocked him over. Against this they had evidence to show that despite the fact that the brakes were applied the car was carried by its own momentum for a distance of 46 feet; 38 feet up to the place where the boy was knocked down, and ten feet beyond. The doctor who would be called would say that the blow which caused the death of the boy must have been a blow of very considerable violence and could not have been caused by a car going at a moderate speed; such as one would expect if a brake had been applied for a distance of 38 feet. The police had made tests with similar cars and on similar road surfaces, and these went to show that a car with a brake on could be pulled up in a considerably less space, perhaps 10 or 15 feet. Morrison Hill Gap was one of the most dangerous corners in the public roads of the Colony, and that being the case, it was more particularly incumbent upon prisoner to take great care at the corner, especially when he saw a boy of tender years in front of him, and presumably, crossing the road in front of him and then trying to get back. Continuing, Mr. Orme said: "We have to see that persons in charge of vehicles use these vehicles and realise their responsibility with proper care. If a man goes out in a motor-car on the road he has a right to the road, but he has a right to the road only in so far as he has to safeguard, at the same time, the rights of other persons who are using the road. In the city of Victoria it is the law that a vehicle shall proceed at a certain speed; the speed really laid down is ten miles an hour. I won't say, in fact, it would be preposterous for me to say to you, that if a person exceeds that speed, he does so at his own risk; and that speed is sometimes exceeded, as you know. And if a man is going, as a prisoner was apparently going in this case, at any rate of speed which is not justified by the regulations, he renders himself liable in case of any accident occurring. There are certain circumstances and conditions in this Colony which make the streets different to what they are at home. The streets here are particularly crowded, and perhaps you will agree with me that the people who crowd the streets are particularly careless. It is your duty, gentlemen of the jury, to weigh carefully what I have said, and to allow to drivers, consistent with the safety of the public, as it might be that any one of us, at one time or another, may be in the position as this unfortunate boy, and be the victim of the negligence of a motor-car driver."

Evidence was then called, Dr. Taylor, a surgeon of the Naval Hospital, stating that when he saw the boy the boy was in a dying condition. The skull was badly fractured and the right side of the head was severely crushed. In his opinion the car must have struck the deceased with considerable violence to cause the injury. He did not think a car travelling at about five miles an hour would have caused such injuries. The car must have been travelling at more than ten miles an hour.

In the afternoon the judge, jury, crown prosecutor and the prisoner went to the scene of the fatality. The jury being conveyed on the fire motor, and experts' reports were carried out. The boy being subsequently the jury retired and upon their return gave a verdict of not guilty and prisoner was discharged.

Upon hearing the verdict the accused exclaimed "Thank God!"

SHAMEEN NOTES.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

SHAMEEN, May 16th.

OPENING OF THE LANGUAGE SCHOOL.

The formal opening of the Language School took place at the British Chamber of Commerce Room, Victoria Hotel, this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Supporters of the school turned out in full force, and amongst them being: Mr. Hogg, of Messrs. Reiss & Co., Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Jamieson, British Consul-General; Mr. Pratt, British Vice-Consul; the Revs. Mr. Jenkins, Mr. McNeur, and Mr. Dawson; Messrs. Dent, H. Dent & Co., Peel, of Dodwell & Co., Ltd.; Darch, Brown, Drummond and Willis, of the Asiatic Petroleum Co., Ltd.; Joseland, of Donnelly & Whyte; Kench and Fry, of the British American Tobacco Co.; Staple, Smith and Batchelor, of Deacon & Co., Ltd.; Forbes, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation; Lamert, of W. G. Humphreys & Co.; Kitching, of A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd.; Sutton, of Griffith & Co., Ltd.; Watling, Vasunia, of Vasunia & Co.; Mohla, of Mohla & Co.; and Kavarana, of Kavarana & Co.

At the request of the Chairman (Mr. Hogg), the Consul-General addressed the gathering. The key-note of his speech was the usefulness of a knowledge of the Chinese language for business purposes. He spoke of the fear of some that a knowledge of Chinese would militate against business for the reason that the Chinese would be averse from foreigners being able to follow their conversation. This notion, he was glad to say, was passing away. He sought to disabuse the minds of his hearers of the popular fallacy that a knowledge of Cantonese was useful only in Kwangtung Province; there are many millions of Chinese who speak the Cantonese dialect, and in almost all parts of the world Cantonese might be used with advantage. He then related some of his own personal experiences in which his knowledge of Cantonese proved to be of great service to him. He further pointed out that the written language was the same for all Chinese, so that with a Chinese who did not speak the Cantonese dialect business could still be conducted in writing. A further advantage to possessors of a fair knowledge of Chinese was that one could follow a Japanese paper a little. Having referred at length to the advantage accruing to employers, he laid stress on the comparative ease with which one fairly well versed in Cantonese could acquire other dialects. The Consul-General's speech contained many words of encouragement to those who have enrolled as members of the school. One of the successes he referred to was that of young Hillier, who on coming out to China took up the Chinese language and at the end of six months was transferred to Peking, where he proved himself very useful and secured that brilliant career with which everyone was familiar.

In conclusion, Mr. Jamieson congratulated Canton upon being one of the more progressive business centres, and assured the school of all his assistance and help. He also thanked Mr. Farmer, of the Victoria Hotel, for his public spirit in placing the commodious room in which they were met at the disposal of the school.

EMPIRE DAY IN HONGKONG.
POLICE RESERVE TO ENTERTAIN THE SERVICES.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, Deputy Superintendent of a Police (Reserve) is busy arranging a gala night at the City Hall for May 24th, Empire Day, an interesting feature of which will be the presence of men of the regular forces in the Colony who took an active part in the fighting in France in the early part of the war, and who are now in Hongkong recuperating. They are seven in number. Mr. Jenkin has got into touch with them individually, and they will be given seats at the City Hall on Empire Day night. The programme will be varied to suit the tastes of all. The first part will consist of vocal and instrumental items, and the second portion will be made up of boxing bouts, and possibly, fencing exhibitions by Japanese naval men. What promises to be a most interesting pugilistic display will be that between P.C. 591, Maher (of the Police Reserve) and P.C. 591 A. H. Unuff (also of the Police Reserve). Maher claims to be the feather-weight amateur champion of the Orient, while Unuff, who boxes under the ominous title of "Johnson," is also a pugilist of no mean ability. Several other bouts are being arranged, and the referees will be Commander Beckwith, R.N. Invitations to attend have been given to units of all the Naval, Army and Police Forces of the Colony, and the crews of any British, American or Japanese warships which may be in harbour at the time will also be invited to the entertainment. It will be a most representative gathering of the forces, and great endeavours will be made to see that those present do not fire of the programme provided.

HONGKONG WEDDING.
SIM-AIT-KIN.

The marriage was solemnised at St. John's Cathedral yesterday of Mr. Edwin Lionel Sim, of the Mercantile Bank, Hongkong, and Miss Gertrude Agnes Mary Aitkin, who has just come out from England. The bridegroom has been stationed at several of the most important branches of the Bank in the East, and during his residence in this Colony has made many friends. He is a member of the Scouts Company, Hongkong Volunteers.

There was a numerous congregation of friends and acquaintances at the Cathedral, which had been beautifully decorated with lilies, palms, and ferns for the happy event by Messdames C. H. P. Hay, G. C. Moxon, A. Lam, and W. E. L. Shenton. The service was choral, Mr. Denman Fuller presiding at the organ. The hymns sung were "O perfect Love" and "The Voice that breathed o'er Eden."

The bride, who was given away by Mr. Harry Hancock, was charmingly attired in a gown of ninon satin, trimmed with silver lace, and tulle veil. She was attended by little Miss Alma Worcester as bridesmaid. Mr. A. Montagu Preston was "best man." The Chaplain of the Cathedral (Rev. V. H. Copley Moyle) officiated.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the Hongkong Hotel, where Mr. and Mrs. Sim received the congratulations of their friends. The honeymoon is to be spent at Baguio. The bride's going-away dress was of Saxe blue tulle, with flowered nines sleeves, and black picture-hat.

HONGKONG GYMKHANA CLUB.

The following are the entries for the six events to be decided at the Gymkhana meeting to be held on May 27th:—

THREE-QUARTER MILE RACE—HANDICAP—Electric Light, Fijian Chief, Sunshine (Portlight), Makoni, Ploughed Field, Durham Chief, Bluffer (Garlands), Cilgwyn, Birdwood, George (In Off), New Zealand (Gay Bird).

GYMKHANA STAKES—Electric Light, Oregon, Crosby, Kang Jack, Dunkeld, Matchbox, New Zealand (Gay Bird), Antony, Fijian Chief, Makoni.

LADIES' NOMINATION—TENT PEGGING—G. C. Moxon, L. P. Goldner, C. C. Boyd, R. T. Barton, B. F. Chapman, Comdr. Myburgh, L. F. Green, E. W. Fisher, C. C. Taylor, F. A. Gace, C. H. Blason, T. C. Duguid, J. H. Congdon.

FROM THE TWO MILE POST ONCE ROUND AND IN—HANDICAP—Ploughed Field, George (In Off), Crosby, Masoe, Durham Chief, Sunshine (Portlight), Bluffer (Garlands), China Coaster, Lorenzo, Matabele.

POLO—POSSY SCURRY—Snowflake, Charlie Chinlin, Gwalior Chief, Tom, Thurston, Cilgwyn, Cherub, Beattock, Red Shank.

ONE AND A QUARTER MILE RACE—HANDICAP—Electric Light, Fijian Chief, New Zealand (Gay Bird), Makoni, Dunkeld, Lorenzo, Matabele, King Jack, Antony, Crosby, Masoe.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

UNITED SERVICES LEAGUE.

Major T. A. Robertson (Chairman) presided over a meeting of the League last evening, at which the principal business was consideration of a letter from the R.G.A. Football Club. It appeared that that Volunteers were due to play the Royal Engineers in a mid-week match, but stated that they were unable to raise a team. A table was published by the authority of the Hon. Secretary (Mr. W. Caldwell, R.N.) subsequently, in which the two points at stake in the abandoned match were accredited to the R.E. The R.G.A. contended that this was a most irregular proceeding, and that before the points could be given to the R.E. the sanction of the League Management Committee must be given.

It was pointed out that according to Rule 10 the points went automatically to the R.E., and that all the Committee could do was to consider whether or no sufficient reason was given by the Club for failing to fulfil the fixture, and, if sufficient, to impose a fine. It was thought that the Secretary's action was not incorrect. The Hon. Secretary of the R.G.A., in withdrawing the letter, said the issue of the League might have depended upon the result of the match in question, and it was rather hard upon them.

At the annual general meeting, which followed, it was decided to leave the election of officers till later in the year.

GOLF.

BATAVIA GOLF CLUB.

The results of the Batavia Golf Club Easter Golf Competition held at Tjandj (Semarang) were as follows:—The Ender Cup, after being well-contested, went to P. J. Taylor, the runner-up being L. McLean. The Interport Shield was won by Secarbaya, with a score of 177, their representatives being L. McLean, Jr., and R. W. Barton. Semarang and Batavia were second and third, their scores reading 181 and 184 respectively. The Java Amateur Championship, which was the chief event of the gathering, brought together ten competitors. After keen competition W. Birnie and Campbell tied for the Championship, with a score of 170 each. When the tie for first place was played off, Mr. Campbell retained it, at the ninth hole, as Mr. Birnie was leading by 2 holes. The champion ship therefore went to the latter.

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Single Fare by Night Steamer	...	...	...	...	\$6.00
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HONGKONG TO CANTON. | CANTON TO HONGKONG.

FRIDAY, 19TH MAY, 1916.	
8 a.m. TAISHAN	8 a.m. KINERAN
10 p.m. KINERAN	5 p.m. HONAN

SATURDAY, 20TH MAY, 1916.	
8 a.m. HONAN	8 a.m. TAISHAN
10 p.m. TAISHAN	5 p.m. KINERAN

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

K.S. TAISHAN, Tons 180. | S.S. HONGKONG, Tons 180.
HONGKONG TO MACAO.

Week days at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf, Canton at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.

MACAO TO HONGKONG

Week days at 7.30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Sundays at 7.30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

EXCURSION TO MACAO.

SUNDAY, 21ST MAY, 1916.
The Company's New Steamship "TAISHAN"

Will depart from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf at 8 a.m., and return from Macao at 5 p.m.
S.S. The Company will also run a Steamer from Macao on Sunday at 7.30 a.m., and return to Hongkong at 1 p.m. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.

This Steamer connects with the Excursion Steamer returning from Macao at 5 p.m.

FARES AS USUAL.

MACAO-CANTON LINE.

S.S. SUIAN.
Departures from Macao to Canton on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 8 a.m. Departures from Canton to Macao on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 4.30 p.m.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., THE CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD., AND THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

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S.S. SAINAM, 568 tons, and S.S. NANNING, 568 tons.
One of the above Steamers leaves Canton for Wuchow every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at about 9 a.m., and the other leaves Wuchow for Canton on the same days at 8.30 a.m. Return trips take about 5 days. Passengers can return to Hongkong or vice versa by the Company's direct Steamers **LINTAI** and **SANUL**. These vessels have superior cabins, accommodation and are lighted throughout by electricity. Electric Fan in each cabin. Booking Office open daily (Sunday excepted) 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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They have appointed Messrs. HOW FUNG & Co. to act as their Sole Wholesale Agents for Hongkong and South China, who will maintain stocks and supply their Goods at Prices which can be obtained on application to their Office, No. 15, THE VICTORIA ROAD, CENTRAL.

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\$25 REWARD.

LOST A GOLD-MOUNTED WATCH with Spade Guinea attached, between Kowloon Docks and Naval Yard. Finder please communicate with letter.

Care of "Daily Press" Office.
Hongkong, 18th May, 1916. [713]

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Hongkong, 18th May, 1916. [714]

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CAPITAL \$760,000.00.

Head Office: 21, Jules Ferry, Haiphong.

FIRST NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SOCIETY OF PULPES AND PAPER OF TONKIN will be held at the Head Office, 21, Rue Jules Ferry, Haiphong, on the 26th June, 1916, at 4 o'clock P.M. for the purpose of:

Receiving the Report of the Directors,
Receiving the Report of the Auditor,
Passing the Accounts,
Electing Directors and Auditor for this year.

For the Board of Directors,
(Signed) M. DANDOLO.
Haiphong, 12th May, 1916. [715]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction (On Account of the Consignee),

TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 20th May, 1916, at 11 A.M. at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

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of first rate quality, and in good condition will be sold in small lots to suit purchasers.

Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1916. [716]

THE INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS AND SHIPBUILDERS

A Paper on "TURBINE ENGINES" will be read by Mr. T. W. MACKAY, Member, at 3 P.M. TO-NIGHT (FRIDAY), the 19th inst. All interested in the subject are invited.
Hongkong, 18th May, 1916. [710]

THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB

EMPIRE DAY,

24th May, 1916.

A BOGEY COMPETITION for a Cup kindly presented by J. W. BOLLARD Esq. will be held over FAN LING on WEDNESDAY, 24th inst. (Empire Day).

Conditions: 18 holes against Bogey. Entrance Fee \$1.00 per Card. Any number of cards may be taken out. The sum realised from the Entrance Fees will be handed over to the Cigarette and Tobacco Fund.

K. M. CUMMING,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1916. [703]

COTTON PIECE GOODS.

AGENTS WANTED.

A Firm of Manufacturers and Shippers of Manchester are open to negotiate with responsible Agents for Sale on Indent basis of White Shirtings, Black and Coloured Indian, Dyed Broadens, Cotton Spanish Stripes and Fancies, on commission in Hongkong. Address with particulars to "C. 67" care of W. H. SMITH & SON, Advertising Agents, Blackfries, Manchester, England.

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NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having acquired the interest in the "Von Riegen," Patent Firebridge Bar, it will henceforth be known as the "ECLIPSE" PATENT FIREBRIDGE BAR.

Full particulars and prices for installations from—

THE UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY, LTD.
Telephone 236.
2, Queen's Buildings,
Hongkong, 17th March, 1916. [419]

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE.

FROM this date Mr. C. MONTAGUE EDE has been appointed General Manager of the Company and during his absence from the Colony Mr. C. H. T. HAY will perform the duties of the General Manager and Sign per Procuration.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
P. H. HOLYOAK,
Chairman.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1916. [693]

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(IN LIQUIDATION)

CREDITORS are required to send in their Claims against the above to the Undersigned, No. 5, Queen's Road Central, not before WEDNESDAY, the 31st May, 1916. Dated the 12th May, 1916.

J. HENVE-SKY SMITH, A.S.A.

Liquidator.

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PUBLIC COMPANIES

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Buildings, TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), 20th May, 1916, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 29th February, 1916, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th May to the 20th May, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1916. [649]

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTEENTH YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Buildings, at 11.30 A.M. on MONDAY, the 22nd May, 1916, to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1915, and the Report of the General Manager and Consulting Committee and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th May to the 22nd May, 1916, both days inclusive.

THE CHINA-BORNEO CO., LTD.,
W. G. DARBY,
General Manager.

Hongkong, 4th May, 1916. [663]

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 23rd May, 1916, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th April, 1916.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th instant to the 23rd instant, both days inclusive.

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LTD.,
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1916. [694]

THE CHINESE ENGINEERING AND MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

Payment of Interim Dividend on Shares for the year ending 30th June, 1916.

THE Board having declared an INTERIM DIVIDEND of One Shilling per Share free of Income Tax for the year ending 30th June, 1916, Holders of Shares and Holders of Dividend Warrants received from London on account of Registered Shares will be paid their Dividend on presenting No. 7 Coupon of the Beaver Shares, and Dividend Warrants on Registered Shares to any of the following Banks at Shanghai or Tientsin:

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA,

THE RUSSO-ASIATIC BANK,

THE BANQUE BELGE POUR L'ETRANGER.

The payment will be made in either Dollar or Tael as the holder may wish at the buying Rate of Exchange of the day.

GENERAL MANAGER,
KAILAN MINING ADMINISTRATION,
Hongkong, 15th May, 1916. [699]

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MARRIAGE.

STARDING FISHER—At Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, by the Dean, Rev. A. J. Walker, on May 18th, SYDNEY BALDWIN, youngest son of the late JAMES STARDING, of Cheshire, England; to GRACE ELIZABETH, eldest daughter of the late HENRY HAYWARD FISHER, of London.

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The Daily Press.

Hongkong, 10th May, 1916.

AUSTRALASIA AND THE FAR EAST.

THE name ANZAC has been made immortal at Gallipoli. It is a new word in the English language and it signifies something which is old though it appears in a new guise. There have been heroes since the dawn of history. Nearly two thousand years ago the great Teacher told mankind a truth which had been instinctively realised ages before His coming, and to-day we know full well that greater love hath no man than to give his life for others. We have seen our friends go forth with a smile upon their lips to meet their great trial in the trenches, and

THE WAR.

BRITISH CONTINUOUSLY ENGAGED.

HEAVY FIGHTING ON ITALIAN FRONT.

IRISH RESPONSE TO GERMANS.

BRITAIN'S SUPERIOR AIR SERVICE.

AMERICA AND THE BLOCKADE.

FRANCO-BELGIAN FRONT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BRITISH CONSTANTLY FIGHTING.

PRIMITIVE WARFARE.

LONDON, May 17th.

The discrepancy between the long casualty lists and the seemingly insignificant encounters on the British front is explained by letters received from a correspondent describing the nature of the so-called small enterprises. These consist mainly of mining and raiding. The methods of the former are sufficiently known—a huge explosion blowing men and weapons into the air, burying many, obliterating trenches, then a frantic rush, and a fierce fight for the possession of the crater. The raids, which are incessantly going on along the whole front, are opened by gusts of artillery to smash the wire entanglements; then a curtain of fire, to prevent supports reaching the trench aimed at; and, finally, an infantry rush. Sometimes the trench is found empty; sometimes not. Then ensues a ferocious encounter of primitive mankind, in which rifle and bayonet are superseded by short stabbing weapons devised for this close fighting, and bombs are thrown at close quarters. Soldiers, writes the correspondent, at times speak lightly of these daily struggles, but along ninety miles of our front is practically one continuous battle and one continuous field of blood.

THE BRITISH FRONT.

MUCH ACTIVITY.

LONDON, May 18th.

General Sir Douglas Haig, in a *communiqué*, states that to-day there have been considerable artillery and trench mortar actions. Two raiding parties of Beaufort Highlanders entered German trenches north of Boelincourt last night. Five Germans were killed in one trench. Three dug-outs full of Germans were bombed, one being blown up. Our casualties were slight and the whole of the raiding parties returned.

Fighting continues among the craters at Vimy Ridge.

There were 27 aerial combats yesterday. An Albatross was attacked, driven down and wrecked near Lille, and another was driven down north of Vitry in a damaged condition. A third was attacked by one of our Scouts and was seen to turn upside down near the ground. One reconnaissance machine failed to return, having landed in hostile territory. One Scout aeroplane is also missing. Much successful artillery and photographic work has been accomplished.

GERMAN ATTACKS.

FRENCH AEROPLANES ACTIVE.

PARIS, May 17th.

4.35 p.m.

The defeat of further German attacks is a feature of the *communiqué*. Enemy grenade attacks on the edge of Deadman Hill completely failed, also an attack on Thiaumont Farm. The artillery have continued active on both banks of the Meuse and in Champagne.

A French bombardier squadron of thirteen aeroplanes attacked railway stations and bridges between Verdun and Metz, and also the German communications at Metz. Several fires were noticed.

FRENCH DROP BOMBS IN METZ REGION.

PARIS, May 17th.

4.25 p.m.

To-day's *communiqué* says it is confirmed that another French aeroplane squadron dropped a great number of bombs on the hangars and the railway stations at Metz, and the railway lines from Metz to Thionville.

A French pilot felled a German at Vics-sur-Aisne.

ITALIAN FRONT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

AUSTRIAN OFFENSIVE.

ITALIANS INFLICT GREAT LOSSES.

ROME, May 17th.

The Italians admit a small reverse in Trentino, but as affairs are up to the present limited to the first-line positions, the Austrian claim to nearly 3,000 prisoners is likely to be the usual exaggeration.

The Italian *communiqué* affirms that great losses were inflicted on the Austrians, who attacked in massed formation, and it emphasises that the Italians only fell back on a section. Italian counter-attacks took hundreds of prisoners. The Austrians on the bulk of the front were unable to develop their attack.

The *communiqué* adds that the principal Austrian effort was in the Lazzarina Valley where there were five fierce attacks on the slopes north of Zugna. These were crumpled by devastating artillery and rifle fire, inflicting enormous losses. Hundreds of enemy corpses were carried off in the swift Adige current. Repeated attempts to attack the Asiago sector on Monday night fared so badly that the Austrians were inactive throughout Tuesday. The attacks in the Suzzano Valley lasted all Monday night, and were continued in the morning. They were repulsed. Then an Italian counter-attack forced the enemy to retreat, leaving several hundred prisoners. On the rest of the front there were numerous sporadic attacks in the nature of diversions, all of which were repulsed, with serious enemy losses. The aircraft on both sides have carried out incessant bombing raids.

RUSSIAN FRONT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TURKS RETREATING.

PETROGRAD, May 18th.

The Russians, while successfully holding the centre of the Caucasus front, are now progressing along the coast, and the Turks are retreating to Kerasan, seventy miles westward of Trebizond.

NAVAL ACTIVITIES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GERMAN MINELAYER SUNK.

COPENHAGEN, May 17th.

A German minelayer has been sunk off Falsterbo by striking one of her own mines. German destroyers saved some of the crew.

DUTCH STEAMER BLOWN UP.

LONDON, May 17th.

The Dutch steamer *Dutaster*, from London to Rotterdam, has been blown up. Four of the crew were lost, and the remainder were landed at Yarmouth.

BRIEF NAVAL ENCOUNTER. GERMAN DISCREET RETIREMENT.

LONDON, May 17th.

The Admiralty announces that yesterday there occurred an encounter between British destroyers and monitors and some German destroyers. After a short engagement the enemy withdrew to their forts. There were no British casualties.

LATER.

The naval encounter was off the Belgian coast.

BRITISH MONITOR LOST.

LONDON, May 17th.

Turkish artillery destroyed a small British monitor. Two of the crew were killed and two wounded.

GENERAL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BRITAIN'S AIR SERVICE SECOND TO NONE.

LONDON, May 17th.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Joynton-Hicks opened the air debate, strongly demanding the appointment of an Air Minister. He emphasised that the new board would be worthless.

Mr. Tennant, in replying, indicated the enormous expansion of our air resources. It was not true, he said, that Germany had secured a supremacy in the air. We had won the great majority of air combats, and had two types of aeroplanes which were faster than the Germans and two others as fast as the Fokkers. It had been decided to constitute an Air Board with Lord Curzon as President, along with two naval representatives, including a member of the Board at the Admiralty, two military representatives, including a member of the Army Council, also Lord Sydenham and Major Baird, the latter representing the House of Commons. Mr. Tennant declared that the new body would possess powers far greater than any had hitherto. It had been decided that during a great war the friction of creating an Air Ministry would be too great.

Mr. Churchill expressed some disappointment at the scheme.

Mr. Bonar Law vigorously defended the air service, which he said was far better than the enemy's, and more than the equal of any of the combatants. We had carried out reconnaissances with frequency, regularity and success which had never been attempted by the Germans. Out of 478 air combats between July and May only 63 occurred on the British side, in which 13 German machines were brought down and not a single British machine. (Cheers.)

Mr. Tennant added that the new Air Board would be free to discuss matters of general policy, also combined naval and military operations and designs of machines. If either the Admiralty or the War Office failed to agree the President could refer the question to the War Committee. The Board would also co-ordinate the supply of materials.

THE BRITISH BLOCKADE. CORRESPONDENCE WITH UNITED STATES.

LONDON, May 17th.

There has been further correspondence regarding the blockade. The United States, speaking in sincerest friendship, clearly intimates the expectation that Great Britain will take steps to avoid injury to the legitimate trade of the United States. The British reply outlines the measures taken to alleviate the burdens imposed upon neutral sea-borne commerce, and enumerates the special concessions granted to the United States. It also gives expert figures proving that the profits of the United States are equal to or greater than those of Great Britain. It also points out the delay in the Prize Courts due to American claimants.

THE COMMISSION BILL.

LONDON, May 17th.

The Commission Bill receives the Royal Assent on Friday.

IRISHMEN'S RESPONSE TO THE GERMANS. MUNSTERS' INTERESTING CAPTURE.

LONDON, May 17th.

It appears that on the night after the Irish regiments in the trenches responded to the German placards, inviting them to lay down their arms, by a fusillade and the singing of "Rule Britannia," the officer of a detachment of Munsters undertook to capture the placards. The Irish had cut down the entanglements to cross the considerable intervening space and were halfway over when they were discovered by the enemy searchlights, and fired at with machine-guns. Some were badly wounded, but none stirred, and all remained lying down for hours. Then they crept on, reloaded and cut the German entanglements, and charged at the trench. The Germans were startled and bolted, and the Munsters brought back in triumph the placards, which are now in London.

Photographs showing the holes put through the placards by the Irishmen's bullets before the raid of the Munsters have been published.

CHIEF SECRETARY OF IRELAND.

LONDON, May 17th.

Sir Horace Plunkett, who is in London, has been hurriedly recalled to Dublin. It is rumoured that he may become Chief Secretary for Ireland.

Mr. Asquith continued his informal conferences at Dublin with official and prominent men.

It is expected that Mr. Asquith will visit Cork before returning to England. His swearing in as a Privy Councillor strengthens the belief that a Chief Secretary will not be appointed at present, and that Mr. Asquith will temporarily assume responsibility in the House of Commons for Ireland.

WAR ECONOMY.

BEER AND TOBACCO.

LONDON, May 17th.

The Board of Trade announces that the imports of tobacco will be reduced by two-thirds from the 1st July.

Mr. Runciman has introduced a Bill to reduce the brewing of beer by 15 per cent.

RELIEF FOR SOLDIERS.

IN CASES OF HARSHIP.

LONDON, May 16th.

In the House of Commons, the Right Hon. W. Hayes Fisher announced that arrangements had been made for grants up to £104 sterling yearly both to married and unmarried soldiers in cases of hardship.

W. R. PRISONERS IN GERMANY. FORCED TO WORK AT MUNITION FACTORIES.

PARIS, May 17th.

It is officially announced that the Allied war prisoners in Germany have been forced to work at the munition factories, under threats of torture and imprisonment in intensely heated cells. The French Government has threatened to retaliate.

GERMANY AND SIR EDWARD GREY'S STATEMENT.

VIOLENT VITUPERATION.

LONDON, May 17th.

The Press of the Central Powers indulge in violent vituperation in regard to Sir Edward Grey's recent statement, with the exception of the *Vorwaerts*, which says it is glad that Sir Edward Grey mentions a basis for the peace negotiations. It believes that peace can now be seriously discussed.

BRITISH COLONY RE-ENTERS ISPAHAN.

TENNESSEE, May 17th.

The British Consul General and colony have re-entered Isfahan and were splendidly welcomed by the Russian military and the Persians.

THE BURNING OF CANADIAN PARLIAMENT. FINDING OF COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY.

OTTAWA, May 17th.

The report of the Commission of Investigation into the burning of the Parliament Buildings finds that while there is a strong suspicion that it was the result of incendiary action, there is nothing in the evidence which justifies finding that the fire was maliciously caused.

THE REBELLION IN CHINA. NO SIGNS OF ABATEMENT.

LONDON, May 18th.

In the House of Commons, Lord Robert Cecil said that the rebellion in China showed no signs of abatement. It was understood that the moratorium would not affect the Chinese Government obligations, and any measures necessary to safeguard British financial interests in China would be taken.

BRITISH AIRMEN DECORATED.

LONDON, May 17th.

The Military Cross has been awarded to two airmen in connection with Zepelin raids. They are A. de Bath Brandon, who ascended to a height of 9,000 feet and bombed Lis, and C. A. Ridley, for conspicuous gallantry and good work in raids.

CASEMENT COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

LONDON, May 17th.

Both Sir Roger Casement and Bailey have been committed for trial.

The Magistrate asked Casement if he had anything to say before he was committed for trial. Casement replied in a low voice, "No."

Bailey also declined to say anything.

LORD HARDINGE'S NEW POST.

LONDON, May 17th.

The *Morning Post* understands that Lord Hardinge will succeed Sir Arthur Nicolson (Permanent Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office), who is retiring owing to ill-health.

COTTON SPINNERS' DEMANDS.

WORKERS AGREE TO MEET EMPLOYERS.

LONDON, May 17th.

The Committee of Operative Cotton Spinners and Card-room Operatives at Manchester last evening agreed to meet the employers with reference to the demand for an increase of 10 per cent. in wages, with the object of arriving at a settlement before the end of the month.

The spinners' Executive has decided that the notices tendered are inoperative at present.

MR. ASQUITH.

LONDON, May 18th.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Tennant said he expected that Mr. Asquith would return from Ireland at the end of the week.

Mr. Asquith is being sworn in to-day on the Irish Privy Council. He thus becomes a member of the Irish Executive Council.

TEA TAXATION.

LONDON, May 18th.

In the House of Commons, Mr. McKenna said it was not proposed to impose a tax on foreign tea imported into the United Kingdom equal to the export tax on Indian tea. Whether a rebate could be given of the tax on tea grown within the Empire was a matter for debate.

HOME RULE.

LONDON, May 18th.

The suggestion that Home Rule should be taken up where it was left in 1914 is generally welcomed.

It is rumoured that Mr. Lloyd George is working for a settlement.

INDIAN REPRESENTATION. THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY.

LONDON, May 18th.

Interviewed by a *Reuter* representative, Lord Islington said that it was the deliberate and steady policy of the British Government to associate Indians more and more with the Government of India and any reasonable advance of qualified Indians in the services would meet with general assent and appreciation. The action of the Raj regarding indentured emigration and Indian representation at the Imperial Conference showed the effectiveness of Indian influence in administration. Indian influence in local self-government was still wider, and official control would be relaxed with the rise of public spirit and morality.

MARCHAND OF PASHODA.

REPORT OF DEATH OFFICIALLY DENIED.

LONDON, May 17th.

Leading articles, containing long appreciations of General Marchand, appeared in the British Press.

Now the death is officially denied by Paris. Up to the present no explanation has been afforded for the mistaken announcement.

WHITE STAR'S HUGE PROFIT.

LONDON, May 17th.

The report of the White Star Line shows that there remains a profit of £1,963,285, after providing for the excess profit tax and other contingencies. Dividends of 65 per cent. have already been paid.

TEWKESBURY BYE-ELECTION.

LONDON, May 17th.

The result of the bye-election at Tewkesbury is as follows:

Hicks-Beaumont (Coalition)	7,127
Boosey (Anti-Coalition)	4,438
Coalition majority	2,689

THE RECENT SHIPPING STRIKE.

TERMS OF SETTLEMENT.

As announced in our cable columns on Monday, the China Coast shipping strike is over. A final conference between the China Coast Officers' Guild and the owners was held on the previous Saturday afternoon at the Merchant Service Club at which all differences were settled to the mutual satisfaction of both sides, and masters and officers were reporting on board their ships for duty the same night. Next morning the Marine Engineers' Guild of China met the owners for the first time, and terms were concluded before a conference that lasted only about half an hour.

In the settlement between the owners and the two guilds there was a little give-and-take on both sides (says the *N.C. Daily News*).

The Officers' Guild is recognized by the owners, but with a qualification, the owners having stipulated for a Board of Adjustment composed of an officer of the company or companies concerned, a member of the Guild, a seaman, and a H. M. Shipping Viceroy. Should the board fail to agree on matters put before it, such will be referred to an Arbitration Board composed of members from each side and a third (neutral) to be named by them.

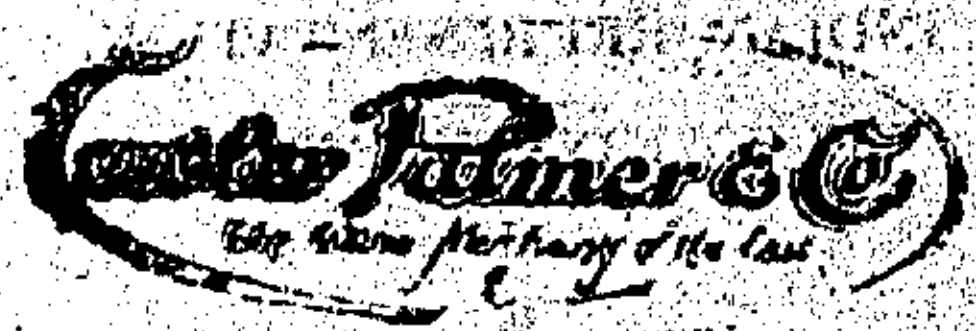
The Guild demanded 25 per cent. increase of pay for masters and 15 per cent. for officers. They have agreed to accept 10 per cent. increase for masters and five per cent. increase for officers. In addition to this increase a bonus of 15 per cent. will be paid to the officers of the company so long as the earnings of the company warrant. This bonus is fixed for 1916, so that for the rest of this year, in any event, the men get the full increase asked for. Whether the bonus will be continued after December depends on circumstances.

On the question of the pension scheme and the retirement of officers on age and service, as this is a matter that involves a great outlay in future years it was agreed that the companies shall establish such a scheme within a reasonable time, the terms to be fixed by the Arbitration Board, or, if necessary, by the Arbitration Board.

The strikers demanded nine months' leave on half pay after five years' service. This was granted. They demanded first-class mail passages home and out for masters on leave, and first-class intermediate was agreed to officers to have second-class mail passage, as asked. Passage money in lieu of tickets is optional, so that officers may choose their own routes.

Men serving their country at the front will be reinstated by the companies with seniority rank. This demand was granted when agreed. This demand was granted when agreed. This demand was granted when agreed.

The demands of the Engineers' Guild, which were similar in the main to the demands of the Officers' Guild, were similarly settled.



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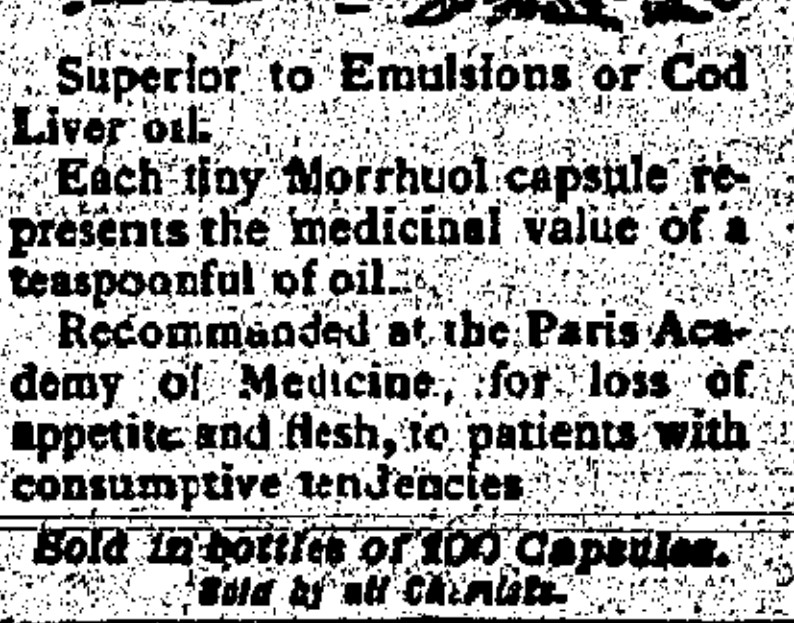
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WEATHER REPORT.
On the 18th, 10.55 a.m. - No return
from Japanese stations.
Dep. winds 116 over the Yangtze Valley
and over S.W. China.
Pressure has decreased slightly in all districts,
except over Peking, where it is stationary;
and over Amoy, where it has increased
slightly.
Hongkong rainfall for 24 hours ending at
10 a.m. to-day, 0.01 inches.
The forecast for the 24 hours ending at Noon
to-day is as follows:-

DISTRICT	FORECAST.
Hongkong & Neighbourhood	S.E. or variable wind, moderate, squally, some rain.
Formosa Channel	The same as No. 1.
South Coast of China between Hongkong and Amoy	The same as No. 1.
South coast of China between Amoy and Canton	The same as No. 1.

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.
From 19th to 26th May, 1918.

Day	High Water	Low Water
Mon. 19	11.10	4.30
Tue. 20	11.10	4.30
Wed. 21	11.10	4.30
Thurs. 22	11.10	4.30
Fri. 23	11.10	4.30
Sat. 24	11.10	4.30
Sun. 25	11.10	4.30
Mon. 26	11.10	4.30

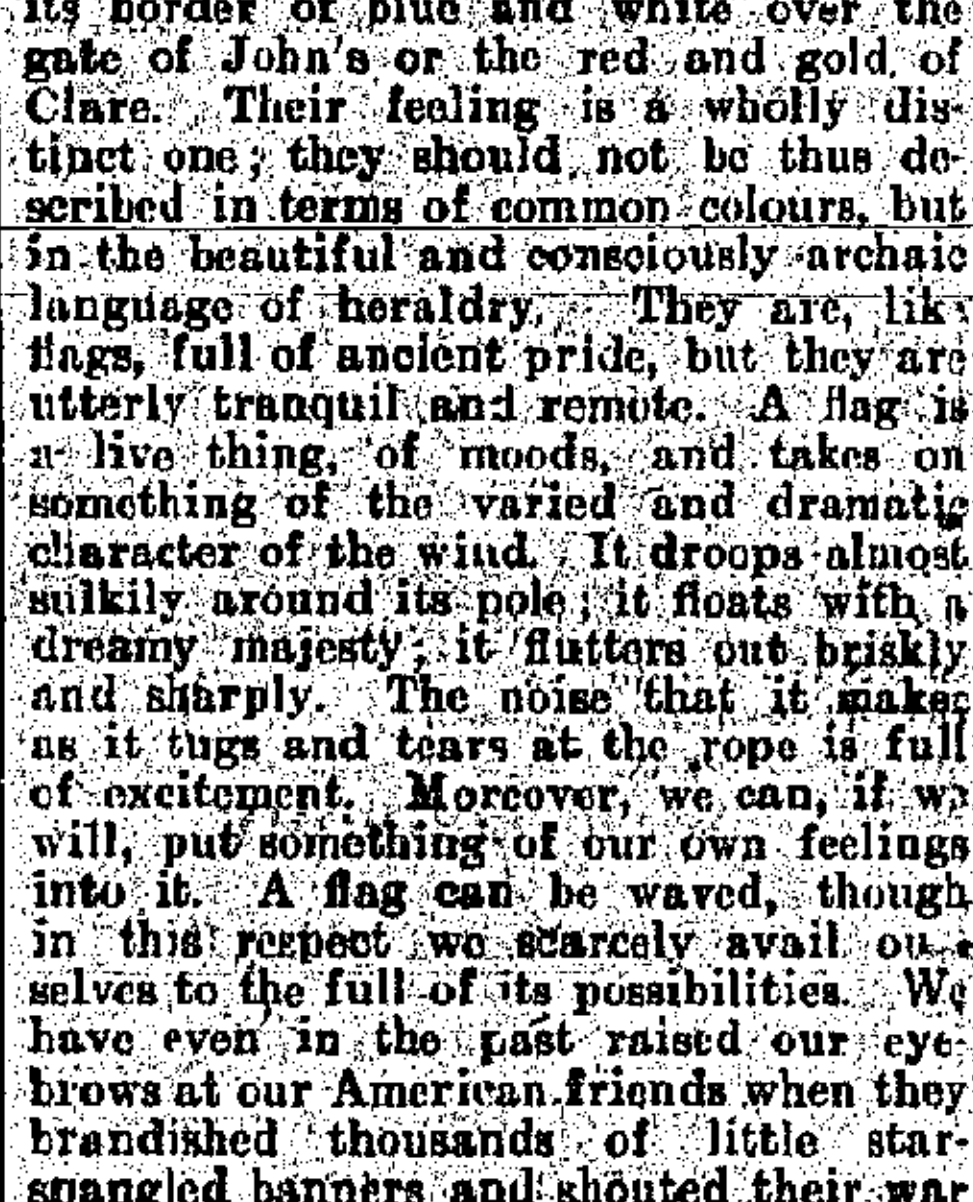


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P. THOMAS
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ON FLAGS.
SYMBOL AND SENTIMENT

[Mr. Asquith announced last week that
the Union Jack would be flown from all
public buildings on Empire Day, May
24th, and that it was hoped the example
would be followed. In view of this, the
following article by a correspondent to
The Times is of peculiar interest.]
This is an age of flags. They wave
alike from house-tops and button-holes;
not only our own Union Jack but also
the flags of our own Allies, and the blood
must flow sluggishly indeed that they
do not stir.
It is pleasant to notice at the chang-
ing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace
that the civilian has acquired the habit,
so full of grace and dignity, of saluting
the colours as they pass with uncovered
head. A flag is the symbol of so many
things that we feel, but cannot very well
express. It appeals to many and varied
emotions; not only to a common pride
and patriotism, but also, very often, to
a more individual and tender sentiment.
Who is there that has not in youth
been moved by the resplendent page of
"the flags of all nations" that blooms
at the beginning of every well-conducted
atlas? To many the sight of an atlas
summons up a whole scene: the cupboard
in which the flags lived, where they were
so immiscibly tucked away as to lend
a spice of romantic difficulty to the fetch-
ing of them. It brings back the feeling
of the drawing-room with the rain beat-
ing relentlessly on the windows and the
want of the paint-box by which it
was hoped to induce a measure of rest-
fulness. To those at least who do not
love geography that page seems over-
afterwards an archway of bright colours,
lighting in some degree the road to the
sunless caves of learning beyond.
Apart from such memories, a flag pro-
duces an emotion which is all its own,
and entirely different from that produced
by its distant kinsman, a coat of arms.
A coat of arms suggests some stately and
solemn gateway. There are some who
will always think of the "Bucks" at
Cambridge as the Royal arms encircled
in its border of blue and white over the
gate of John or the red and gold of
Charles. Their feeling is wholly dis-
tinct one; they should not be thus de-
scribed in terms of common colours, but
in the beautiful and consciously archaic
language of heraldry. They are, like
flags, full of ancient pride, but they are
utterly tranquil and remote. A flag is
a live thing, of moods, and takes on
something of the varied and dramatic
character of the wind. It droops almost
sulkily around its pole; it floats with a
dreamy majesty; it flutters out briskly
and sharply. The noise that it makes
as it tugs and tears at the rope is full
of excitement. Moreover, we can, if we
will, put something of our own feelings
into it. A flag can be waved, though
in this respect we scarcely avail our-
selves to the full of its possibilities. We
have even in the past raised our eye-
brows at our American friends when they
brandished thousands of little star-
spangled banners and shouted their war
cries. Not long ago, however, the entry
of the King and Queen at a concert in
the Albert Hall was greeted by every
member of the audience simultaneously
waving a flag and the effect was strange-
ly moving.
As the flag is in its essence a live thing,
so it is also a primitive one. The best
flags are the simplest. In this respect
we are fortunate in the flags of our
Allies. France, Italy, and Belgium with
their three bold stripes of colour, and
Russia with its plain blue cross upon a
white ground, make an admirably simple
and direct appeal. Of the flags in the
Atlas does most profoundly stir our
childish memories are probably the
gorgeous and complex—Royal Standards
full of the "pomp of heraldry." But
while we love them still we can see with
grown-up eyes that vivid splashes of
colour, few, bold and big, and devoid of
superfluous devices, are the most inspir-
ing. The others have something the look
of coats of arms that have been converted,
but they are magnificent, but they are not
quite flags. It is a good thing that flags
should be un-elaborate in order that
they may be easily recognized, and that
no one may have an excuse for ignor-
ance. Perhaps, also, it may not be too
far-fetched to suggest that the flag the
ladies do it typify, the fact that it be-
longs to all alike, gentle and simple.

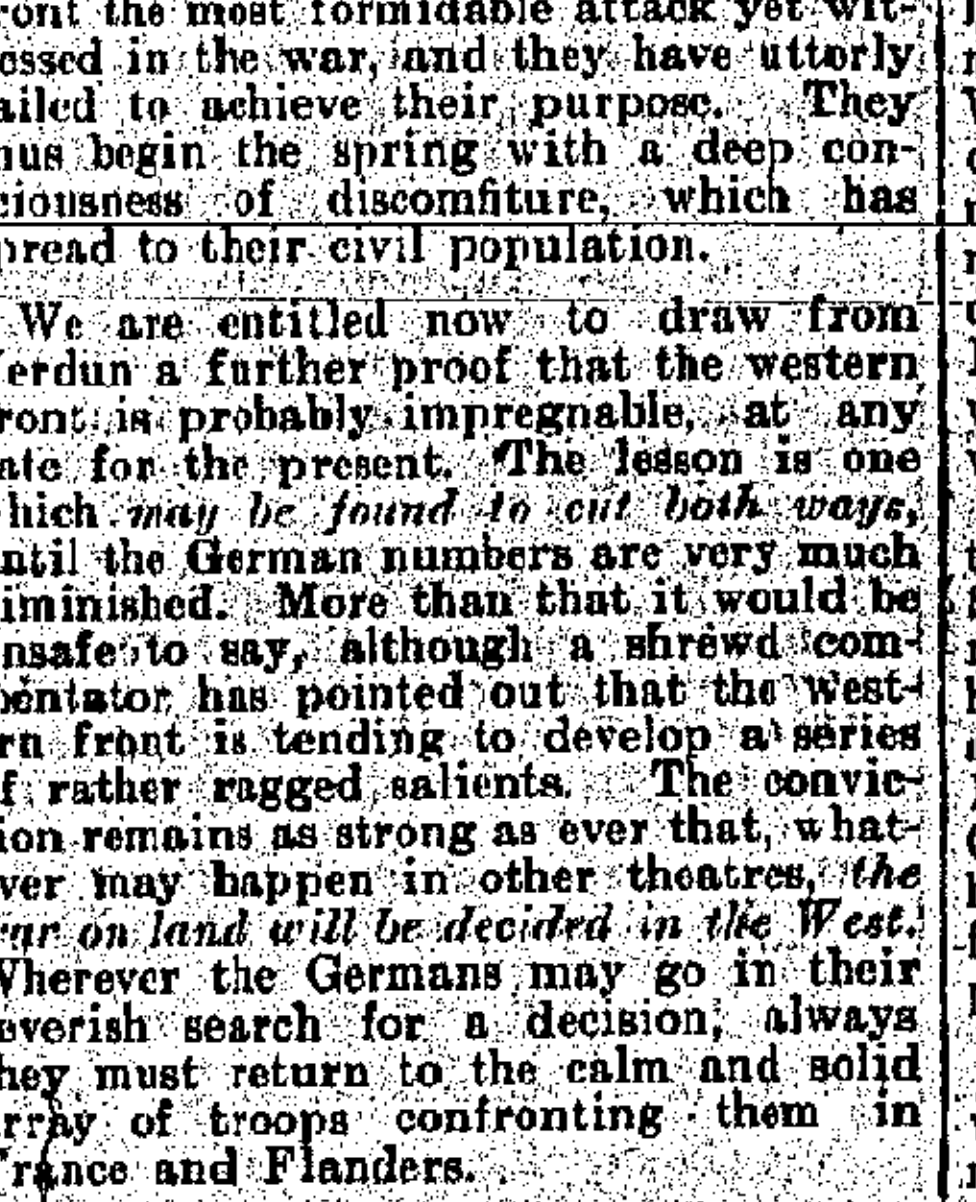


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**CONTROL OF SOUTH OF
SPAIN RAILWAY.**
KRUPPS FORESTALLED.
The Spanish Press has published in
some cases with misleading comments,
reports of the acquisition on behalf of
the British Government of a controlling
interest in the South of Spain Railway.
The real facts are as follows:-
The British Embassy had reason to
anticipate that this line, which traverses
a district in which important imperial
land and mines are in the hands of British
companies, might fall into the hands of
Messrs. Krupp and thus imperil these
industries. The British Government ac-
cordingly authorised Sir Arthur Har-
dingle, our Ambassador to Spain, to
acquire an option on this line, in his
personal capacity, with a view to its
eventual transfer to some Spanish,
neutral, or British combination of cap-
italists. Negotiations are said to be still
proceeding with the Andalusian Railway
Company, whose system is contiguous
and with other foreign groups.
Of course there is no foundation for
the reports circulated by some news-
papers that the British Government has
a strategic or political, as distinct from
a purely commercial, interest.

THE END IS NOT NEAR.
SPRING PROSPECTS OF THE WAR.

[BY LOYAL FRASER.]
The great blizzard has destroyed the
grip of winter on this country. The sap
is rising in the trees and the daffodils
are flowering. The officers of the Gen-
eral Staff working at the War Office have
been ordered to procure breeches and
gaiters. Other staff officers in England
and overseas are to blossom forth in
new caps and badges of many colours,
apparently as a tribute to the season.
Spring is here and the war is waking up.
It has not been slumbering on the
Verdun front, nor in Armenia, nor on
the Tigris, these many weeks. The ap-
proach of the thaw in Russia sees great
armies wrestling for new positions in the
north and in Galicia. But everywhere
there are new signs of fresh movements,
and we are perhaps about to enter on the
greatest struggles of the war.
We are so immersed in domestic differ-
ences that we sometimes seem to forget the
actual aspects of the mighty conflict in
which we are participating. It should
therefore be profitable to examine briefly
the prospects of the coming campaigns.
But in doing so it will be best to avoid
the eternal question, "How long will the
war last?" Sometimes wars, like
Charles the Second, are "an unconscion-
able time a-dying." Early last winter
I cherished a vague secret belief that the
war might begin to end next July, and
actually finish about the end of October.
I do not think so now, for it is clear
than ever that unless Prussia is invaded
and the Prussians are beaten to their
knees, this war, in some form or other,
will be always with us. We had better
get on with the war, and not think too
much about when it will end.
The battle of Verdun continues to
rage intermittently, there seems little
doubt about its issue. The Germans have
done exactly what they were permitted
to do, and no more. They have flattened
a salient with the shrewd and far-seeing
acquiescence of the French, but they have
not won an inch of ground, which the
French were not willing to yield in pur-
suance of their definite policy. The
enemy have organised against the Verdun
front the most formidable attack yet wit-
nessed in the war, and they have utterly
failed to achieve their purpose. They
thus begin the spring with a deep con-
sciousness of discomfiture, which has
spread to their civil population.
We are entitled now to draw from
Verdun a further proof that the western
front is probably impregnable, at any
rate for the present. The lesson is one
which may be found to cut both ways,
until the German numbers are very much
diminished. More than that it would be
unsafe to say, although a shrewd com-
mentator has pointed out that the west-
ern front is tending to develop a series
of rather ragged salients. The conviction
remains as strong as ever that what-
ever may happen in other theatres, the
war on land will be decided in the West.
Wherever the Germans may go in their
feverish search for a decision, always
they must return to the calm and solid
array of troops confronting them in
France and Flanders.
After Verdun the next prominent fac-
tor in the situation is the internal con-
dition of Germany. Personally I have
never been much impressed by the stress
laid upon Germany's weakening financial
position. She is contracting huge liabili-
ties among her misguided people, which
she will probably be unable to meet, and
will perhaps eventually be compelled to
repudiate; but shortage of cash is very
likely to affect her attitude for a very
long time to come. The shortage of cer-
tain kinds of food, as well as of certain
materials needed for her staple indus-
tries, is of more immediate importance,
and its effect grows steadily less obscure.
One who knows more about Germany's
internal condition than most people said
to me, "If we could only take the lid
off Germany the world would be
astonished."

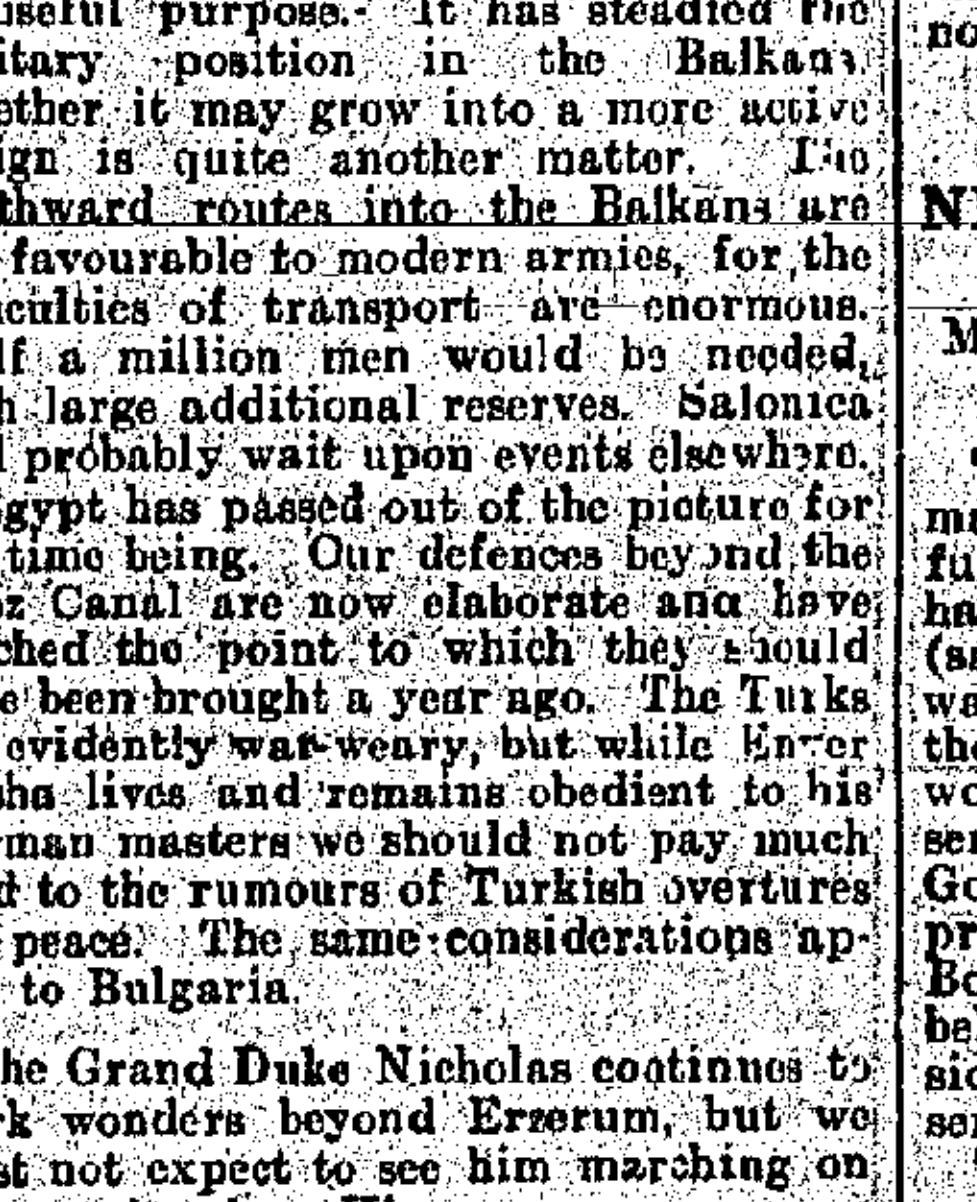


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THE BRITISH DETERMINED.
GERMAN NAVAL EXPERT WARNS
HIS COUNTRYMEN.

In an article appearing in the Berliner
Tagblatt on the "War of Starvation,"
Captain Persius comes to the conclusion
that Germany has little cause to fear
that she can be forced to conclude peace
as the result of famine.
On the other hand, he warns his fellow-
countrymen against basing too great
hopes on a shortage of British tonnage.
"We had better not underestimate in the
future," he says, "the elasticity and de-
termination of the British. Past events
prove that the British gift of organisa-
tion, in spite of its slowness, reaches its
goal all the same, that they have profited
by their errors, that a firm determination
to master all difficulties exists, and is
daily making itself more felt; and that
we have to do with an enemy of whose
capabilities it would be wrong and highly
detrimental to us to judge contemptu-
ously. We must be prepared for an im-
provement of the conditions of ton-
nage in England."
about the weather. The principle of con-
certed action will come into play, and
Germany may find that fighting on in-
terior lines has disadvantages as well as
advantages. Should the situation thus
hinted at develop, the climax of the
struggle on land may be at hand. But
remember always that though this war
began suddenly it is not at all likely to
end suddenly. Our little South African
War lasted for two years after its climax,
which may be taken to be the fall of
Pretoria.
All other theatres of the war are sub-
sidiary to these two great fronts. We
do not know, nor would it perhaps be
prudent to speculate about, the intentions
of the Allies regarding the powerful arm
of French, British, and Serbian con-
centrated at and within reach of Salonica.
However much opinions may differ about
the occupation of Salonica, it must be
admitted that it has served one profound
purpose. It has steadied the military
position in the Balkan
Whether it may grow into a more ac-
tive design is quite another matter. The
northward routes into the Balkans are
not favourable to modern armies, for the
difficulties of transport are enormous.
Half a million men would be needed,
with large additional reserves. Salonica
will probably wait upon events elsewhere.
Egypt has passed out of the picture for
the time being. Our defences beyond the
Suez Canal are now elaborate and have
reached the point to which they should
have been brought a year ago. The Turks
are evidently war-weary, but while En-
ver Pasha lives and remains obedient to his
German masters we should not pay much
heed to the rumours of Turkish overtures
for peace. The same considerations apply
to Bulgaria.
The Grand Duke Nicholas continues to
work wonders beyond Enver, but we
must not expect to see him marching on
Constantinople. His resources are gov-
erned by Russia's needs in Europe and
his hardy and valiant troops are mostly
second-line. He has to a great extent
settled the Persian trouble for us and for
that we owe him our gratitude. The
Mesopotamian campaign has small rel-
ation to the larger military issues. We
shall have to settle accounts about it in
due season, and we should all like to
see General Townshend rescued speedily,
but his beleaguered force can not affect
the decisive areas one way or the other.
The swing of the pendulum is just now
making the European issues paramount,
and Asia recedes into the background.
One notices that the German papers have
ceased to grow ecstatic about the Stam-
boul Express.

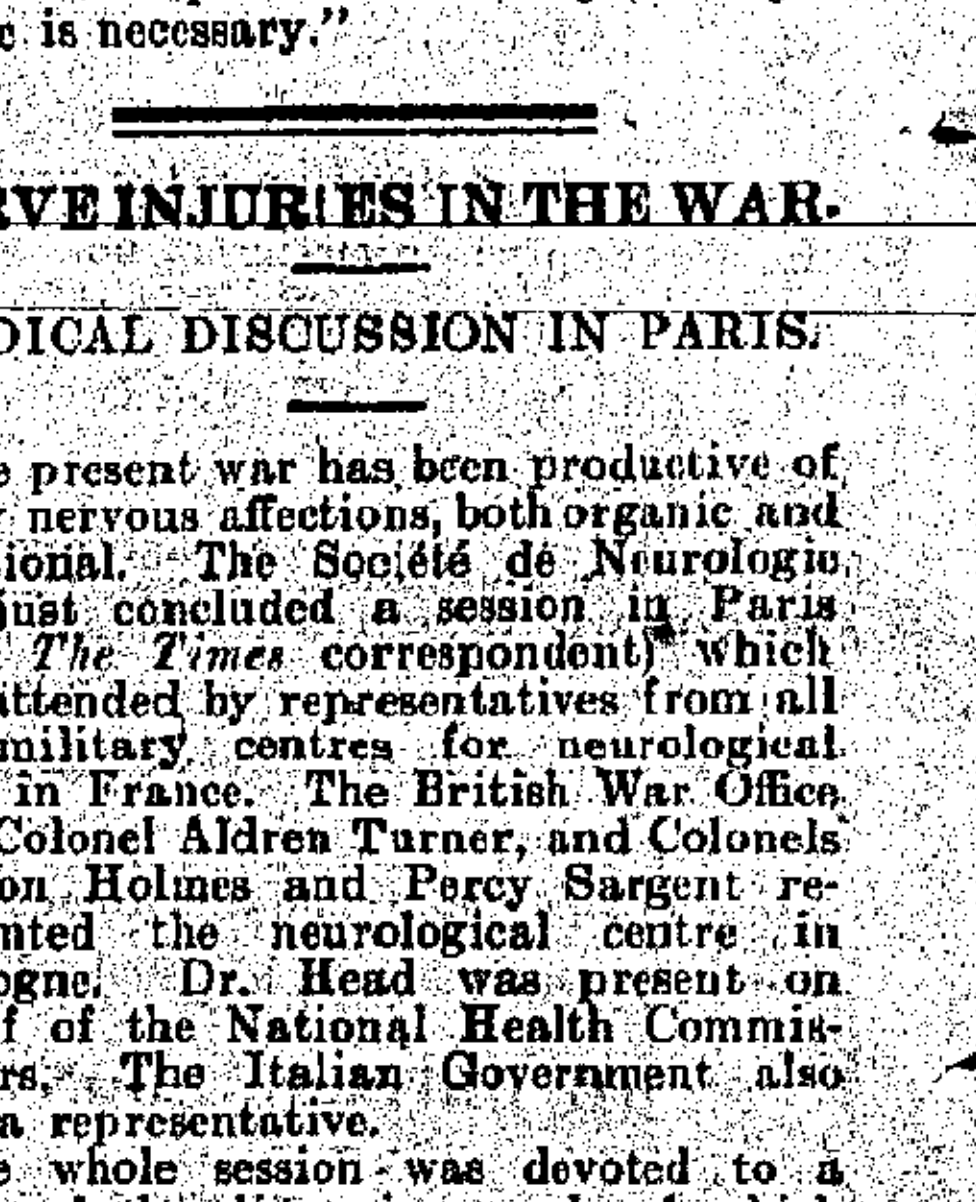


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SCOTS' MARRIAGES.
A BILL TO RECTIFY SOME
EXISTING ANOMALIES.

Marriage in Scotland has always been
popularly regarded elsewhere as of the
"go as you please" variety. To Eng-
lish minds accustomed to English custom
and ritual, a Scotch "irregular" mar-
riage is no marriage at all. For in the
bonnie land of cakes you can marry when
and how you will. You can marry in
baste and put the matter right at leisure.
You can agree to marry and disagree
afterwards about calling it a marriage.
Mr. McKinnon Wood's Bill dealing
with Scots' marriages, which passed its
second reading in the House recently,
seeks to rectify some of the existing
anomalies.
Mr. Pringle, who is also keenly
interested in the Bill, and has expert
knowledge of Scotch law affecting mar-
riage, simplified the leading provisions to
a *Poll Mail Gazette* representative in the
lobby.
There are two classes of marriage in
Scotland, he said, the "regular" mar-
riage celebrated by a clergyman after
a statutory notice has been given, and
the "irregular" marriage, which is simply
a matter of consent—that is, two people
mutually agree to marry, and can do so
by expressing their agreement before wit-
nesses in a private house or elsewhere.
In case of an "irregular" marriage,
it is possible to apply to the Sheriff after-
wards for a warrant to register the mar-
riage. This is obtained by swearing before
the Registrar that the marriage has taken
place, whereupon he grants the warrant.
The warrant should then be taken to
the Registrar to have the wedding reg-
istered. But in many cases this has not
been carried out, and then there exists
no legal evidence of the wedding.
To overcome this difficulty the Bill
provides that a schedule of particulars
should be filled up, when the application
for the warrant is made, and that the
registration shall follow automatically.
Another feature of the Bill meets the
present emergencies of our soldiers and
sailors desirous of marrying "regularly"
immediately before going to the front, or
during a short furlough.
Under the present law, said Mr.
Pringle, "there must be seven clear days'
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GERMAN DISCONTENT.

TROUBLE IN THE TRENCHES.

Evidence, some of it of a first-class sort, continues to accumulate here, says Mr. C. E. Tripp, writing from Amsterdam, pointing to the fact that a period of extreme distress, disorganization, corruption and depression is already setting in throughout people and army in Germany and in the fighting lines.

I have just been fortunate enough to obtain first hand information from a German soldier who had come to Holland on special leave.

He was really a decent sort of fellow, and it was plain that his experiences had completely worn him down physically, which was in such a condition of nervous exhaustion that he had become hypersensitive and frequently in the course of conversation broke down and cried.

He declared openly that on reaching Holland the sight of a land at peace, with enough and to spare of food gave him "transports of joy." Looking back on his months of horror in the trenches he had not the nerve or resolution to face it again; and he openly declared that but for the disgrace and ruin which such action would bring on his father, he would not hesitate to desert and never return to Germany. But his respect for his father has won, and he is already on his way back.

He admitted that so far as he had seen there was nothing but great depression and sickening misery in the German trenches. The moral of the rank and file, he said, is now deplorable. They do not know why they are fighting, and one and all heartily wish it was over in any way. "For myself," he said, speaking excellent English, "I much regret that I am fighting against the English, whom I know well, and whom I like well."

FOOD FOR THE ARMY.

When it was pointed out to him that his view of German feeling was scarcely that reflected in the German newspapers, he replied, with some bitterness: "I know that, the newspapers are of course carefully censored. And, moreover, neither those who conduct the newspapers nor the Government nor the members of the Reichstag have ever been near a fight."

Let them go to the front for a few months, and they will look at things as they are, and will not present them as they want the rest of the world, and the German people, to believe that they are. "The food is very bad even in the army. I believe that the Government tries to obtain the best food for the men, but from various causes the best seldom reaches the men. We are getting short of everything."

This young German was in the great fight at Loos. "We had scarcely any reserves at that point," he said, "and the English probably knew it. But after the preliminary bombardment there was rather a longer interval than we expected, and we were able to creep back to the ruins of the front trenches. Then, when the English attacked we were able to their great surprise to give them a warm reception from trenches they supposed were empty. That is partly why their losses were so heavy."

On the subject of the widespread corruption which is going on in the fighting armies, he declared that things have come to such a pitch, and the losses everywhere are so heavy, that the one idea, in the minds of the soldiers and officers, is to get out of it at any cost. Large sums of money are being paid as bribes to doctors and officers who have power to send men back from the front. Many men who have means are adopting this course in order to get out of the trenches. Those who are left at the front know what is going on, and their discontent is increased.

ROUMANIA.

ATTITUDE TO THE WAR.

Amongst Roumanian personages who have arrived in Rome from Athens are a colonel and two magistrates, and they have supplied the following information on the situation in Roumania. Several Roumanian politicians and officers were recently sent on a visit to Germany, Austria, and Russia, in order to obtain information as to the military, economic, and political conditions in those countries.

These gentlemen returned to Bucharest, and were received on their arrival by the King and M. Bratianu. Naturally, as they belonged to opposing parties, their reports had to be accepted with a certain reserve. Nevertheless, after examining the different statements, the Government and the King were able to obtain a sufficiently exact idea of the situation in the belligerent countries, and particularly in Austria and Russia. The results of these inquiries will enable Roumania to come to a decision in regard to the European war.

My informants were absolutely convinced that Roumania would never join the Central Empires, because Austria is cordially and profoundly hated throughout the whole of Roumania. She might remain neutral, but she would never take up arms in favour of Austria against Russia. They did not believe, however, that Roumania would remain neutral until the end of the war, she would intervene at the moment when she was certain that her action would really be decisive in obtaining the victory for the Entente. It was untrue that Roumania had already decided to intervene in the spring. The season did not matter. If the opportunity had presented itself Roumania would have intervened even in the winter, because her whole army was equipped for a winter campaign.

My informants (adds the Daily Telegraph's Rome correspondent) asserted that the opinion is held in Bucharest that the operations on the great European fronts will not produce any decisive results without an energetic action by the Allies in the Balkans. One great Balkan victory would more easily decide Roumania's intervention than a great Russian victory in Galicia.

As to Roumania's relations with the belligerents, it may be said that they are very cordial with England, France, and Italy; excellent with Russia; normal with Germany and Turkey; and cold with Austria and Bulgaria.

FRANCE AND THE ALLIES.

THE COMMON TASK.

The following are extracts from an article which has attracted much attention in France and abroad. It was contributed to a recent number of *Le Journal* by Senator Charles Humbert, and is obviously intended, the *Times* says, to lay before the Allies of France a statement of the magnitude of her effort with the object of inspiring them to emulate her.

FRANCE HAS BEEN WORKING FOR ALL; LET ALL WORK FOR HER.

It is not without some concern that public opinion learns that part of the 1888 Class is shortly to be mobilized. No doubt the military authorities are anxious to lighten the burden as far as possible. Fathers of families are at present exempt; moreover, we are told that the men called now will be employed, first of all, to replace the military clerks and workmen now employed behind the lines who are fit for service in the field; and, secondly, to supply unskilled labour to the factories and other services in the interior.

But such qualification cannot alter the bare facts. Whatever the sort of work these men will have to do after they are mobilized, they are taken from their homes and from their business. At the same time, new calls for the auxiliary services are under consideration, and skilled workmen belonging to the 1916 and 1917 classes, who had hitherto been left in the shops, are warned that they will have to leave them before June 1. It is expressly stated that they shall not be replaced in those shops by men in the older classes.

Hence, in spite of the apparent moderation of the measures that have been taken, in spite of circumspection in the announcement, our reserves of men are being steadily depleted.

There is no reason why the second part of the 1888 Class should not be soon called to the colours to take the place of the men who are now being called up, and who it will then be necessary to send to the depots. It will then naturally follow that skilled men of the 1916, 1917, etc., classes should be sent back from the shops to the army; the 1887 Class and the men of the auxiliary services belonging to Classes 1880 and 1889 will be in their turn called up with equally reassuring phrases. So it will go on. With this system all Frenchmen, whatever their age, will, one after the other, become mobilized.

Doubtless, if the safety of the nation imperiously demands so supreme an effort, no man in the country will have a word to say against it, and I should be the first to ask for it. But we are surrounded by Allies, ready to make sacrifices that will rival our own, why should we continue, almost alone, to meet obligations of which we have hitherto borne the main burden?

THE BARRIER AGAINST GERMANY.

It is France, who, in spite of her inferior preparations, was the first to oppose to the German onslaught a force sufficiently well organized to check German power; it was her magnificent resistance which brought to naught the ambitious plan of German conquest; it is her troops who, for 20 months, have held up, immobilized, and paralysed the greatest number and the best troops of an adversary whose resources in men are nearly double her own. Thanks to this magnificent effort, her Allies have been able to organize, create, or reconstitute their armies, and to supply them with an equipment suitable for modern warfare. Even in this task France has played an equally exceptional part. It is she who was the first, thanks to pressure from Parliamentary Committees and public opinion, to mobilize her industries for war. In the region of finance, it is still France who, with Great Britain, sustains with her wealth the credit of the Allies.

She has accomplished fully, and more than fully, her share in the common task. Has not the moment come to take this into account? It is in the interests of all, in order to allow others in their turn to play their part, that she has gone ahead of her comrades on the path of sacrifice. Must she then gather her last resources, must she strain her energies for a supreme effort, now that, thanks to her vigour, such invaluable assistance is available to relieve her of part of her burden?

What other country has, like ours, so strained its resources of able-bodied men, subjecting the unfit to such frequent medical tests? Where is the country that has called to the colours the 1888 and 1917 Class, men almost old and children? Where is the country which has so severely drawn upon a population already too small in numbers?

Far from asking more from the wonderful people which has given everything without complaint, efforts should tend to return to the nation all those who have been rendered useless to the Army, the wounded, the sick, the semi-invalid, who wait indefinitely in the barracks, in ambulance units, and in hospitals, involving heavy sacrifices to the State. Given back to the nation, these ineffective, who are only a costly incumbrance in military work, would become the agents of an economic renaissance. Will the military authorities, will the Government, never understand that behind the combatant forces there must be the nation that works, produces, manufactures, provides food, pays the taxes, and subscribes to the loans? Is all this possible if there remain at home none of those who in normal times carry on the activities and contribute to the prosperity of the nation?

Already far-sighted people are thinking as much of what will happen after the war as the war itself. What will be the situation in France if she suspends her economic life, consumes her last resources, and uses up on the field of battle her last reserves of men?

We shall need many to make good the gaps in our armies, to keep our arsenals running, and to carry on agriculture, commerce, and industry. We shall need men to carry on the struggle in the factory, in the field, in the counting-house, and in the workshop. But, above all, we need them in order that France

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GERMAN ATTITUDE TO HOLLAND.

STRIKING COMMENTS BY EX-WAR MINISTER.

Does Germany, anxious about the protection of her flank, desire a strengthening of Dutch defence forces towards the west this spring? And is some such cause responsible for the decision to hold a Committee-General of the Second Chamber? Is Parliament to be asked to consider the calling up of other levies to the colours in this connection? These questions seem to be suggested by an article contributed to the *Stemmen des Tijds* by the ex-War Minister, Mr. Colijn, in the course of which he writes:

"I do not approve of the British contraband policy, for it cannot be carried out without violating the rights of neutrals, but I can understand the fact that Britain uses the weapon of predominance at sea, and I can put up without too much trouble with the vexations thereby inflicted upon us, especially as the British Government has really zealously endeavoured to keep account of our interests so far as this is reconcilable with the system now adopted. The continuance of this comparatively considerate action is, however, not guaranteed. And that danger is greatest for Holland because we stand alone. Leaving out of account the first three months of war, the danger for us has rather increased than declined.

"That applies also in the military realm. The war has come to a deadlock on all fronts. There is no hole through which a passage can be found, except—Holland and Denmark are neutral! I do not imagine for a single moment that Britain intends to land its new armies on the Dutch coast. We have Britain's assurance, expressed by Mr. Asquith in the House of Commons, that it will respect our neutrality; and we trust in that word. But the question is, What is thought thereof in Germany? If our eastern neighbours are getting seriously afraid of such a contingency, how will that influence Germany's attitude towards us? We must presume that the Germans are completely posted as to our means of defence. Now if they considered it inadequate and were afraid of a British attack by way of the Netherlands, would it be so very strange if we were approached from that side with proposals that we could not enter into, because we should then be abandoning our neutrality towards the Allies?

"I know that if a landing were attempted, we should be perfectly able to check it, but it is not the question what we think, but what the Germans think. There is, therefore, an increasing chance of a conflict on either side. But with this difference, that in regard to Britain we can only adopt an expectant attitude, and hope we shall be allowed the right to preserve our strict neutrality, whilst in regard to Germany we can in addition do something definite. We can, namely, by constantly strengthening our forces, convey the impression not only of our desire, but also of our power to deal with any menace to Germany's uncovered flank.

"We are, therefore, obliged to make a stand towards the west, even if to our mind this be unnecessary; and if we do so towards the west, our neutrality should prompt us to adopt a similar policy towards the east and south."

Mr. Colijn concludes by saying the "race in justice" is increasing daily. He refers to the one hand to the various measures taken by the British that have caused such irritation, and says that "strenuous efforts are being made to sweep the oceans clear of Dutch ships." The sharper grows the struggle; the more are we driven into a corner. Only when we have done everything in our power in a military sense to keep us out of the war, can we calmly say: "The fate of the Nations is in God's hand."

THE DUTCH DEFENCES.

The London representative of one of the leading Dutch dailies assured me (a correspondent) there was no question of a hole between Holland and England. "There is no cause for it," said he. "But even if there were a reason, what would be the use of it? We knew full well that if we fall out we should within a week lose our rich East Indian colonies, and Holland has, with the exception of Great Britain, the most valuable overseas Empire of any country in the world."

This journalist further told me that the Germans, in the event of war, would possibly overrun the northern province of Groningen, Drenthe, and parts of the Goldenland, but they would encounter strong opposition when they came to the Grebbe line, which is the outermost semi-circle of defence of the water line in the Utrecht line, and the Amsterdam line the innermost of all. All the countries lying west of the Utrecht line can be flooded, but the Grebbe line traverses the higher land towards the German frontier, and cannot be under water.

Holland has some good ammunition works at Zaandam and also artillery works at Delft and in the north at Helder, which is the Dutch Portsmouth and the base of the fleet. The Dutch Army, being about 250,000 men, has been mobilized since August, 1914, and under the command of General Sanijders, who has had practical military experience in the Dutch Indies, and enjoys a very high reputation as a strategist. Troops are heavily massed along the Belgian frontier from South Flanders across the Brabant and Lemberg frontiers to Maastricht.

may live, and that she may still have the capacity to develop the strength, the faith, and the energy which animate the whole Coalition grouped around her. It is for our Allies to-day, and no longer for ourselves alone, to ask themselves this question: France has worked for all. Let all to-day work with her and for her.

AMERICA AND BRITAIN.

AN ALLIANCE ADVOCATED.

In view of the unprecedented horrors and destructions of the present war, writes Dr. Charles W. Eliot, President Emeritus of Harvard University, it is undoubtedly the interest of the Americas to protect themselves at all costs from any possible ally, even if the risk be very small and the price of the insurance high. The promptest, surest, and most advantageous methods of accomplishing that result is entrance by the United States into a permanent offensive and defensive alliance with Great Britain and France to maintain the freedom of the seas for these allies under all circumstances, and to oppose attack by sea on any one of them. To this new alliance, other nations, present belligerent or present neutral, might be welcomed, but they would not be necessary to its success. Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Turkey would not be admissible, because they so easily absolve themselves from keeping their word.

In favour of this alliance the following considerations are pertinent: (1) War between the United States and either Great Britain or France need no longer be thought of as possible. (2) These three nations are of one mind as regard religious toleration, the value of free and stable political institutions and the physical and spiritual elements of true national greatness. (3) The interests of the United States, Great Britain and France are identical in respect to the freedom of the seas which would secure free exchange of commodities to all nations in times of peace and to the three allied nations in times of war. (4) The insurance against invasion which this alliance would provide for the United States would be adequate; for there is no sea power which could carry an army of even 100,000 men across either the Atlantic or the Pacific if opposed by the combined navies of Great Britain, France and the United States. (5) The alliance would be effective not only for its immediate objects but for the discouragement of war making throughout the world. It would possess abundant and well-distributed ports, naval stations, dockyards, mines of coal and ores, oil wells, munition factories, food and clothing supplies, and high industrial and financial capacity, although it would be strengthened in important respects by the accession of Brazil, Argentina, and Chile. (6) Such an alliance would be able to give some sort of, though not security, to the European maritime nations which are exposed to land attacks by Germany and Austria-Hungary, namely, France, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, and Greece, and thereby to make attack on them less attractive, or more costly, and therefore less probable. (7) It would probably reduce the progressive increase of the heavy burden Great Britain now carries alone in order to keep control of the seas in time of war, and the co-operation of the American navy would make the reduction safe. (8) It would dispose of all doubts and questions about the execution of the Monroe Doctrine. (9) It would notify Germany that the kind of domination over the world to which she aspires is henceforth impossible for her or for any feasible combination of military Powers headed by her. This notification might possibly hasten the close of the present war.

CONDITIONS IN GERMANY.

A CHANGED BERLIN.

A Dane in the leather and fancy goods trade has just given in the Copenhagen Press some interesting impressions on his return from a visit to the Leipzig fair.

There were only 2,700 exhibitors this year as against 4,200 in 1914. Some goods it was almost impossible to find, for instance, Articles like celluloid have increased about 100 per cent. in price. The sale of metal goods abroad is prohibited, or can only be exported in microscopic quantities.

One has to go short at mealtime. For breakfast there is a cup of coffee without cream or milk and a roll without butter. Tuesdays and Fridays are meatless days by Government decree. Thursdays and Saturdays are fatless days. Pork is 3 marks a pound, liver 2.20 marks, veal 3½ marks. Cakes entitling to a quarter pound of butter a week are distributed to the poorer people. But to get the butter even with the card in their hands these people have to wait at the depot from four to five hours, and often all the butter is gone before the tail of the queue is reached. No margarine is to be had, and fat is more expensive than butter.

Things are very different to when I was in Berlin a year ago. This Danish witness goes on to say: "Now the people don't mention the war unless a direct question is put to them. Even when they start talking there is only one thing in everybody's mind: that is 'peace' and again 'peace.' They don't doubt about victory, because they are never told of anything but victories. But they are willing to abate their demands on the enemies of the Fatherland if only they can get peace."

The German women are doing nearly all the civic work that was formerly performed by men. They are even acting as navies, doing the excavating work for the new underground railway of Berlin."

This Danish witness' evidence does not stand alone as to the position of the common folk of Germany. But there is testimony available to show that even the Prussian military caste is at last becoming appalled by the tremendous forces which the allied nations are now bringing into line.

VON-PAPEN'S SECRET SERVICE IN HOLLAND.

The recent crisis has turned Dutch attention to the enormous increase of the German secret service in this country (says the *Daily Chronicle's* special correspondent at Amsterdam). This service is amazingly widespread and thorough. I am able to state definitely that the notorious von Papen, after a sojourn in Berlin following his expulsion from America, is now doing similar work in Holland, though more discreetly than in America.

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	KAMO MARU Capt. Shimizu	16,000	THURSDAY, 8th June, at Noon
VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE VIA KEELUNG, SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI, SHANGHAI and YOKOHAMA	YOKOHAMA MARU Capt. Shinohara	12,500	WEDNESDAY, 7th June, at 4 P.M.
	SADO MARU Capt. Anaka	12,500	TUESDAY, 27th June, at 4 P.M.
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE VIA MANILA, RAMBOANGA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	TANGO MARU Capt. Toyoda	13,500	TUESDAY, 13th June, at 4 P.M.
	NIKKO MARU Capt. Takada	600	FRIDAY, 14th July, at 4 P.M.
CALCUTTA VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG and RANGOON	TENSHIN MARU Capt. Kawai	8,000	WEDNESDAY, 31st July
BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE, MALACCA and COLOMBO	RANGOON MARU Capt. Hori	8,000	MONDAY, 22nd May
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	TOSA MARU Capt. Sakamoto	10,000	WEDNESDAY, 24th May
MOJI and KOBE	YETOROFU MARU Capt. K. Ogura	8,800	SATURDAY, 20th May
NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	NIKKO MARU Capt. Takada	9,500	MONDAY, 12th June, at 10 A.M.
SHANGHAI and KOBE	KASHIMA MARU Capt. Takada	19,000	THURSDAY, 1st June, at 10 A.M.

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JINYO MARU	8,000—13 knots	MON. 26th June Noon.
PERSIA MARU	9,000—14 knots	TUES. 4th July 10.30 A.M.
KWANTO MARU	6,000—12 knots	SATUR. 8th July Noon.
KIYO MARU	17,800—14 knots	TUES. 11th July Noon.
TENYO MARU	22,100—21 knots	TUES. 18th July Noon.
NIPPON MARU	11,000—15 knots	TUES. 1st Aug 10.31 A.M.

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"TACOMA MARU" ... T. Hamada ... MONDAY, 12th June, at 5 P.M.
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FOR	FOR	DATE
Hongkong	Kiangping	Friday, 19th, 7.00 A.M.
Bangkok	Xiangshao	Friday, 19th, 10.00 A.M.
Swatow, 'Shanghai and 'North China	Chengshan	Friday, 19th, 10.00 A.M.
SEALAKE, BURMAH, CANTON, ADELIADE,	Wankie	Friday, 19th,
WESTERN AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEK,	Registration	10.15 A.M.
EGYPT and EUROPE	Letters	11.00 A.M.
Japan via Kobe	Eiofusa Maru	Friday, 19th, Noon
Salgon	Phumphen	Friday, 19th, 1.00 P.M.
Japan via Kuchinotsu Victoria, Seattle,	Teucer	Friday, 19th,
Tacoma Vancouver and United Kingdom	Registration	1.15 P.M.
via Canada	Letter	2.00 P.M.
Japan via Kobe	Yikhoong	Friday, 19th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai and North China	Xingchow	Friday, 19th, 3.00 P.M.
Strait	Liangchow	Saturday, 20th, 9.00 A.M.
Huluw, Palohi and Halphong	Kaifong	Saturday, 20th, 9.00 A.M.
Philippine Islands	Loongang	Saturday, 20th, 9.00 P.M.
S.anghai and North China	Shantung	Saturday, 20th, 6.00 P.M.
Shanghai and North China	Wooang	Saturday, 20th, 6.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Keelung	Amakusa Mar	Sunday, 21st, 9.00 A.M.
SEALAKE, STRAITS, SUMATRA, CANTON,	Monday, 21st,	
ADELAIDE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA,	Registration	9.15 P.M.
INDIA, ADEK, EGYPT and EUROPE	Letters	4.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Poochow	Haitan	Tuesday, 23rd, 1.00 P.M.
Philippine Islands	Lamang	Tuesday, 23rd, 3.00 P.M.
SHANGHAI AND NORTH CHINA	Tuesday, 23rd,	
(EUROPE VIA SIBERIA)	Tuesday, 23rd,	
(Shanghai, Hank. P.O. Saturday, 21st May,	Registration	2.15 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy, Formosa via Takao & Anping	Letters	3.00 P.M.
Batavia, Hongkong, Sourabaya and Port	Tuesday, 23rd, 5.00 P.M.	
Moraby (via Batavia)	Zipanas	Wednesday, 24th, 9.00 A.M.
Strait, Colombo, India, Durban, Cape	Kaga Maru	Thursday, 25th, 11.00 A.M.
Town, and 'United Kingdom	Friday, 26th,	
Philippine Islands, Australia, Tasmania, New	Registration	10.15 A.M.
Zealand, via Port Darwin, and New	Letters	11.00 A.M.
Gruinea via Thursday Island	Friday, 26th,	
Formosa via Keelung, S.anghai, North China	Registration	12.15 P.M.
and Japan via Moji, Yokohama, Tacoma,	Letters	1.00 P.M.
and 'United Kingdom via Canada	Saturday, 27th, 5.00 P.M.	
Tientsin	Huichow	
SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, JAPAN via	Wednesday, 21st,	
NAGASAKI, VICTORIA, B.O. (CANADA,	Registration	9.45 A.M.
UNITED STATES, SOUTH AMERICA and	Letters	10.30 A.M.
UNITED KINGDOM VIA VANCOUVER) ...		
(EUROPE VIA SIBERIA)		
[Shanghai Brit. P.O. Saturday, 3rd June		
Timor, Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand		
via Port Darwin and New Guinea	St. Albans	Saturday, 3rd,
Thursday Island	Registration	9.15 A.M.
	Letters	10.00 A.M.

For	ON WEEK-DAYS	ON SUNDAYS & HOLIDAYS
Tai O	8.30 A.M.	—
Tai Po	{ 10.00 A.M. 4.00 P.M. 2.00 P.M. 9.00 P.M. 4.30 P.M.	{ 9.00 A.M. — — — —
Upeang Chow Shateakok, Shatin Aberdeen, Antau Santia, Stanley	{ — — — — —	{ — — — — —
Canton, Wanchow and Samshui	{ 7.30 A.M. Begin 5.00 P.M. Letters, 6.00 P.M.	{ 5.00 P.M. — —
Macao	{ 7.15 A.M. 1.30 P.M. 6.00 P.M. Except Saturdays	{ 8.15 A.M. — — 6.00 P.M.
Kengmoon	{ 6.00 P.M. 10.00 A.M. 4.00 P.M.	{ 6.00 P.M. 9.00 A.M. —
Namvan and Seapan	{ — — —	{ — — —
Shamshan	{ — — —	{ — — —

	FOR						ON WEEK-DAYS	ON SUNDAYS & HOLIDAYS
Macao	000	000	000	000	000	000	7.30 A.M. 1.30 P.M.	8.30 A.M.
Canton	000	000	000	000	000	000	7.30 A.M. 9.30 P.M.	9.30 P.M.
Tai Ping Tong	000	000	000	000	000	000	7.00 A.M. 9.30 P.M.	7.00 A.M. 9.30 P.M.
Shek Ki	000	000	000	000	000	000	8.15 P.M.	8.15 P.M.
Kong wun	000	000	000	000	000	000	8.00 P.M.	8.00 P.M.
Hum huk	000	000	000	000	000	000	8.00 P.M.	8.00 P.M.
Ka kong	000	000	000	000	000	000	8.00 P.M. Sloop Singapore	8.00 P.M.

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ON BOMBAY:—	
Telegraphic Transfer	168
Bank Bills, on demand	168
ON CALCUTTA:—	
Telegraphic Transfer	168
Bank Bills, on demand	168
ON SHANGHAI:—	
Bank Bills, at sight	70 1/2
Private, 30 days' sight	—
ON YOKOHAMA:—	
On Demand	10 1/4
ON MANILA:—On demand—Pescos	106 1/2
ON SINGAPORE:—	
On Demand	—
ON BATAVIA:—	
On Demand	120 1/2
ON HAIPHONG:—	
On Demand	3 1/2 pm
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Kong Yik Cotton S. & W. Co., Ltd.	100,000	Ts 10	all	T. 12, sellers		51 p.c.
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 1.5	all	Tls. 764		
Leau Kung How Cotton S. & W. Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 70		
Swee Chee Cotton S. & W. Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 34		
Ewo Cotton Spin & Weaving Co., Ltd.	27,000	Tls. 80	all	T. 130		61 p.c.
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	4,000	\$74	\$9	\$24		
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H' Kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	\$109		38 p.c.
S'hai Dock and Engineering Co., Limited	58,700	Tls. 100	all	9.77		
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S'hai and Hongkew Wharf Co., Ltd.	34,000	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 20		64 p.c.
Green Island Cement Company, Limited	400,000	\$10	all	\$8.55, sellers		
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	67,000	\$10	all	\$47		61 p.c.
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	22,000	\$70	all	\$112, sellers		41 p.c.
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	8,800	\$25	all	\$171, sellers		6 p.c.
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$10	all	\$4.3		51 p.c.
Hongkong Tramway Company, Limited	326,000	67	all	16.3, sellers		51 p.c.
INSURANCES.						
Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$80	\$50	\$400, all rs		51 p.c.
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$20	\$10	\$156		61 p.c.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	2,000	\$350	\$50	\$370		51 p.c.
North-China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$15	\$5	Tls. 175, sellers		
Union Insurance Society, Limited	12,400	\$250	\$100	\$3 000		
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Humphreys' Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$10	all	\$7		
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$ 0	\$30	\$39		5 p.c.
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd.	78,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls 99		
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$50	all	\$67, sellers		
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Shell Transport and Trading Co., Ltd.	407,710	\$1	all	\$5/-, buy. 97/-		41 p.c.
Star Ferry Company, Limited	40,000	\$10	all	\$35		
South China Morning Post, Limited	6,000	\$25	all	\$29		74 p.c.
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	\$5	all	\$55		
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Union Waterboat Company, Limited	50,000	\$10	all	\$15, sellers		6 p.c.

Noon.—Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., Extraordinary General Meeting.
12.10 p.m.—Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., Extraordinary General Meeting.
TO-MORROW
11 a.m.—Auction of Hawkow Tea at Sales Rooms, by Messrs. Hughes & Young.
Noon.—Hongkong, Electric Co., Ltd., Meeting of Shareholders.
Monday, 22nd May—
11.30 a.m.—China Borneo Co., Ltd., Meeting of Shareholders.
Tuesday, 23rd May—
Noon.—Peak Tramways Co., Ltd., Meeting of Shareholders at the Hongkong Hotel.
Wednesday, 24th May—
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